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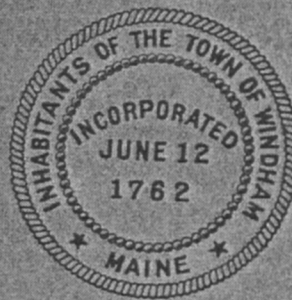
ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

Windham

Maine



FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER, 31

1969



The Building Inspector

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Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. FORBES

Report of the Fire Chief

In filing my annual report, I would like to extend my thanks
 to the citizens and inhabitants of the Town of Windham for
 their support and cooperation during the year 1969.

Fire losses this past year were small, with the exception of the
 major fire at the Keddy Manufacturing Company on Thanks-
 giving Day. We received aid while fighting this fire from nine
 neighboring communities, which was a new concept in area
 fire fighting.

The following list is a breakdown of the fire calls:

- 24 grass and wood fires
- 12 buildings
- 10 auto
- 4 dump
- 7 out-of-town
- 15 miscellaneous

I recommend that you approve the purchase of a new piece of
 apparatus, to replace the 1937 Diamond T now stationed at
 East Windham.

Also, I recommend that you approve the installation of the
 new water mains, with hydrants, to better protect more and
 more of our property.

The Rescue Unit responded to 158 calls this past year. They
 transported 156 people from Windham to the Portland hos-
 pitals.

The following list is a breakdown of the calls:

- 37 auto accidents
- 35 heart calls
- 83 general calls
- 1 child birth (delivered enroute to hospital)
- 2 fire calls

In closing, I wish to thank the members of the Department
 and the Ladies' Auxiliary for their splendid support and co-
 operation.

Respectfully,

Walter Peavey

Fire Chief

nual Report

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Respectfully yours,

Richard E. Brume,
Police Chief

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Town of Windham

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Aug. 26 Old Home Day, Pownal

Sept. 20 Open House (40th Anniversary)
Paul Merrill's

Sept. 25 Cumberland Fair, Cumberland

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR AND BETTY HARRIMAN

Report of Windham Development Commission

January 12, 1970

The purpose of our commission is to encourage and assist business and industrial firms that we feel would be compatible in Windham in an effort to broaden our tax base. During 1969 we had the least activity and practically no inquiries from outside firms since the establishment of our commission in 1966. This inactivity is not surprising due to the cutback in expansions by national firms due to the high interest rates this past year.

We are most pleased, however, to report that many well established local businesses have been successful in our community and have during this past year undertaken substantial expansion programs.

L. C. Andrew broke ground on December 2 for a new prefabricating housing plant on a 38-acre tract in the Newhall section, the area which our commission has specifically designated for new industry. Governor Curtis sent a representative with a letter congratulating the L. C. Andrews corporation on this contribution towards alleviating Maine's current serious housing problem and improving the general economy of our area. The one-story plant with over 10,000 square feet of floor space will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and the total new operation will eventually employ about 25 people. Also involved in the development is a substantial increase in production of prefabricated cedar log cabins at the present L. C. Andrew site on Route No. 202 in South Windham Village.

Windham Millwork, Inc., which specializes in architectural woodwork, has nearly doubled its operation with its new 22,000 square foot addition to be used as a new cabinet assembly shop. In addition to providing five new jobs, it will relieve and make

more efficient assembly of millwork. Tabers IGA Foodliner has completed this year an additional 8,000 square feet which now gives them a total of 16,000 feet. This makes possible a few innovations, such as their new gourmet line, a delicatessen, an on premises bakery, and added variety and has created seven new permanent positions, plus several more seasonal jobs. In May of 1969 the Keddy Manufacturing Company became a division of the Grennell Company manufacturing steel flanges for pipelines. Their current expansion program to increase production capacity and the current employment is expected to increase from 40 to 60 persons. The Windham Produce and Ice Center and Gordans Outboard Sales and Service have also completed substantial expansion programs this past year.

There were two small, new businesses started in 1969. The Rich Way Manufacturing Company which manufactures and distributes truck caps and a wholesale bakery, Frank Amato, Inc., which will specialize in the wholesaling of Italian bread products. Both of these new firms are located on Route No. 302. Although the square footage of these new buildings is not very large, they do create new jobs and buildings to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD W. CLARK,

Chairman

Report of the Planning Board

Year Ending December 31, 1969

As in the past your Planning Board has been very active, we have met regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and have held several special meetings in addition to our regularly scheduled ones.

During the past year the Town of Windham continued its rapid growth pattern and 1969 presented to us, six, new private development plans. The smallest containing seven lots and the largest containing in excess of 70 lots. There are in addition to the above many other areas of development taking place that have not been officially presented to the Town.

Other areas we have covered have been the preparation of a local "Plumbing Code", which conforms to the State Plumbing

Code and have recommended to the Board to be presented to the Town of Windham.

We have also spent many hours on water line extensions and have come with recommendations to the board of selectmen.

1. Extend approximately one mile up Bridge road toward the Raymond
2. Extend approximately one mile up at Route 302 toward Falmouth Road
3. Extend approximately one-half mile Grant's Corner (Junction of 202 and junction of Chute Road and River Road)

During the course of the year we have requested to present a "Zoning Ordinance" after considerable discussion, the Planning Board requested the Selectmen that an article be placed asking the Townspeople if they wanted again. If the Townspeople vote in the affirmative study and prepare a zoning ordinance for a future Town Meeting.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the Planning Board for their complete cooperation and also wish to thank Mr. Clyde Esty and the Board of Selectmen for their continued meetings and for the cooperation we have from the Board of Selectmen.

We also wish to announce that our meetings have been changed to the first Monday of the month and that we welcome any interested citizens to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

RODOLPH

Chairman

Environment Role Taught In Schools

By CHRISTINA HOAR
Area Correspondent

ALFRED — School children in the Yarmouth area are learning to understand their environment at an early age and are being prompted to improve it. Dean C. Bennett told the York County Regional Planning Commission this week.

Bennett, co-sponsor of a regional environmental education program for Yarmouth, Falmouth, Cumberland, North Yarmouth and Freeport, said the program originated in Yarmouth in 1968 and was expanded to the other towns this year. He said 5,000 students in grades kindergarten through 12 are involved.

The goals, Bennett said, "are to try to develop an appreciation and understanding of our natural and man-made environment and its problems, and to create contacts with the community and a sense of responsibility for others and future generations."

"We have to start young. Fifty per cent of attitudes are formed when a child enters kindergarten, 50 per cent shortly afterwards," he said.

"OUR YOUNG PEOPLE have less contact with their environment than we had. The average child entering kindergarten has spent 4,000 hours watching television; the average high school student 18,000 hours, leaving little time for environmental contact," he noted.

In stressing the role of education in solving environmental problems, Bennett noted that 73 per cent of the United States population now lives in cities. "This means that 73 per cent of voters lack the contact with natural resources and environment that many of us here in Maine have."

"Decisions elsewhere can affect us here. We think of ourselves as far removed from urban problems but we are very close," he pointed out and cited the recent attempt to buy land in Wells for disposal of solid wastes from Boston as an example. Bennett said the program he directs is part of the school's effort to develop responsible citizens.

THE PROGRAM begins with study of the school environment in kindergarten and progresses to national and world problems in grades seven and eight. All aspects are covered. Field trips in the area and community are included in the lower grades. In the upper grades and high school the subject is worked into regular courses, he said.

Activities have included landscaping planting at the Yarmouth school. "There is much less vandalism when the young people are in on the planning," Bennett noted.

The program is financed by the regular school budget at a cost of less than a student a year, Bennett told the group which included several area educators.

There is interest at the state level. A proposal has been submitted for a grant which would provide funds to train six people, he said. Six or seven programs started geographically throughout the state could interest other areas in such a program, he added.

ARTHUR T. LOUGHEE, executive planning director, reported that eight of the county's 14 northwestern towns were represented at the first planning meeting of the area planning project. The project is designed for coordinated development of the area while meeting the individual needs of the communities, he said.

Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month, beginning Jan. 6.

Loughee also reported that initial planning for the tri-county resource conservation and development project, including York, Oxford and Cumberland counties is continuing.

The application for a federal grant for the project is still on file with the Department of Agriculture which has not yet been funded by Congress, he said. However, we have "high expectations" of receiving the funds, he added.

There are prospects that the proposed comprehensive Saco River development plan, outlined here last spring by a State Park and Recreation Commission official, will be in Loughee said.



From our district offices in Rockland, Brunswick, Beth, Norway-Paris, Biddeford-Saco, Sanford-Springvale and Kittery area and suburban correspondents, staff reporters, our Washington Bureau and the wires of the Associated Press and the United Press International.

PORTLAND — The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Edward O'Leary, pastor of St. Charles Parish in Brunswick, has been named president of Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland. The Rev. Louis Berube of South Berwick is vice president; the Rev. Harry Victorson of Beth, secretary and the Rev. Roger Boide of Biddeford, treasurer.

ELLSWORTH — Scott Lamb, coordinator of an attempt to have the state income tax repealed, said Thursday nine out of 10 residents who are asked sign petitions to repeal the tax. He said that 14,000 signatures have already been obtained from the 15,000 persons contacted.

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DOING THEIR SHARE — Members of the St. George's Busy Bess 4-H Club thought of others during the holiday season. Each member donated something for the Thanksgiving basket which graced the table of a needy family Thursday. From left are, front, Betty Boquette, Sally Lahtinen and Lisa Escorido. Back row, Linda Paulsen, Mary Kinney and Deborah Polky. Mrs. Richard Paulsen is the 4-H leader. (Norwood Photo)

PWD Faces Possible Deficit For First Time In 11 Years

By JAMES C. SAUNDERS JR.

For the first time in 11 years, the Portland Water District, water supplier to 10 Greater Portland communities, faces the possibility of a year-end operating deficit.

The decade of yearly earned surpluses was made possible by a rate increase in 1959 and by expansion of district service and sales.

Bringing the surplus years to an end is inflation, tight money, high interest, rising wages and rising costs of supplies and equipment.

AND AS A PWD deficit runs this year, or certainly the next, district trustees will make plans for seeking a rate increase from the Public Utilities Commission. William T. MOORE, district general manager and treasurer, said he foresees a petition for a rate increase in 1971, possibly 1972, to take effect the following year if granted.

A lot depends simply on the weather, he said. If 1970 has a drier spring and summer than 1969, revenues will be up, diminishing next year's large expected deficit and the bite it takes out of earned surplus reserve. This in turn will affect how many additional deficits this reserve can repay before the district must have new rates.

THE DISTRICT'S earned surplus reserve is the accumulation of its surpluses since 1959 and has reached half a million dollars. Because the district is a non-profit municipally owned (by Portland and South Portland) corporation, year-end surpluses must be put in this reserve to be drawn up in deficit years to delay a rate increase.

Rather, than hold as cash, the earned surplus is invested in plant as it accumulates, reducing the utility's borrowing needs and interest costs for capital improvements. As the time comes for this surplus to be drawn upon, it will be withdrawn in the form of loans secured by the surplus-financed value of PWD plant.

It's still touch and go whether 1969 will be a deficit year for the PWD. For the three quarters ending Sept. 30 the 1969 operating deficit was \$14,597. However, the district posted an \$8,537 gain for October, thanks to completion of road work and to late summer revenues. The utility also has \$10,000 it can draw from a former insurance reserve before year-end to reduce or avoid a 1969 deficit.

WITH AN EARNED surplus account of \$473,771, one would think the PWD could go through several deficit years before

doesn't work that way.

"It has been our experience," Moore explained, "that once we have to start drawing from surplus, it goes very fast."

The first loss in a period of deficits might be minor. But inflationary pressures point to

Upward Bound Program At UM Has New Director

ORONO — If optimism is infectious, the students at the Upward Bound program at the University of Maine at Orono should catch the happy melody from their new director, Donald Walden.

"I've never seen a more competent group of youngsters with more potential than these boys and girls," he says.

Walden has worked with the Upward Bound group the past two summers while serving as chaplain and director of counseling at Kents Hill School in Readfield.

The Upward Bound program, administered by the Cooperative Extension Service at the Orono campus, includes high school students from Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Penobscot and Waldo Counties. They are youngsters with high academic potential who, for a variety of social or economic reasons, are doing poorly in school.

During their six weeks on campus, the students attend classes including some at the college level and participate in seminars, field trips and university-sponsored cultural events. They are offered opportunities

for expression in art, drama, and in discussion. (The state also offers and conducts the young stars individually.)

Walden and Miss Cheryl E. Egan, associate director, plan to visit the students during the year and cooperate with guidance directors and teachers to keep the momentum gained during the summer going.

Walden says he plans to continue the job experience program initiated last summer when students worked on campus as library aides, photography assistants and parking attendants. He says he also would like to involve them in community service work such as assisting in the Head Start day care center.

Another innovation last year was an exchange of students with the Boston Upward Bound program that proved successful. Walden says the Boston group contributed greatly to the local program and adapted well to the less frantic Maine environment.

The Maine youngsters who went to Boston had a more difficult time adjusting, he says, but still benefited from the experience.

SAD 17 Teachers Ask Pay Hikes

By ROBERT M. MOOREHEAD
District Correspondent

SOUTH PARIS — The Oxford Hills Teachers Association of School Administrative District 17 will take its 1970-71 contract proposal before school directors Monday night, the chairman of the association's negotiating team said this week.

Myron Pierce, Oxford Hills High School business depart-

ment head who reads the faculty negotiating group, said the proposal included a request for Blue Cross - Blue Shield benefits, additional pay for coaches and extra curricular duties, and an increase in the bachelor degree teachers \$2,500 and those at the top of an 11 year scale \$1,000.

The complicated pay proposal calls for a 5 per cent index plan that would give beginning bachelor degree teachers \$2,500 and those at the top of an 11 year scale \$1,000.

Teachers with a master's degree would go to a top of \$10,375 and those with a master's plus 30 hours \$11,875.

In addition the teachers indicated they want an extra "cost of living" hike of 1 per cent. In their formal proposal, however, they did not calculate the cost of this or specify how they want it figured.

"I DON'T THINK we have a big problem with the school board because it appears to me we're close enough," Pierce said of the proposals. "We hope the directors will come back with a counter proposal not too far from ours."

The association's straight salary package, if accepted intact by the school board, would amount to \$1,043.375 for 1970-71. The figure was computed by the negotiating committee, and does not include the fringe benefit proposal.

A similar straight salary total for 1969-70 came to \$1,347.150.

About 170 teachers are affected by the salary proposal.

Pierce said a return to the five per cent index system was requested because "a lot of teachers at the top of the scale" are adversely affected when the salary index set-up was dropped here about two years ago. About 42 of the 170 teachers would benefit from a return to the index, he noted.

The \$4,500 recommended base, Pierce estimated, "would be about the average state base, as near as I can figure."

The school board adopted a position on salaries about two years ago calling for high starting pay for teachers and an average maximum. This has resulted in the local teaching corps being made up of a large percentage of post-tenure members.

PIERCE ESTIMATED about 90 members of the association now qualify as non-tenure staff. Teachers are placed on tenure after three years in the system.

The Maine Teachers Association, according to the contract proposal being submitted to the school board Monday night, is recommending a \$7,000 base and seven per cent index.

The contract proposal notes also that the association "feels we are treated well except for Blue Cross - Blue Shield coverage" in the fringe benefit area.

The proposal goes on to say: "Most schools in the state

have this benefit (Blue Cross - Blue Shield). In fact, most industries have it, too. We feel this has probably been our own fault in the past, but we would like to have it in the proposal for this year."

The association bases its eight per cent cost of living on a survey of various services and items which have increased over the past year.

The proposal concludes that despite governmental attempts to curb inflation, the effort will not be successful, and that the cost of living factor in salary negotiations "is important both now and in the future."

"WE CONSIDERED the possibility that prices in our area might not be quite as high as in other places but came to the conclusion this was not true. The contract proposal reads, 'Most groceries, for example, can be bought in the stores in New London, Conn. for less money than they can be in South Paris.'"

"We find, in fact, that according to the Census of Maine Manufacturers for 1968, that mill workers in the Norway area got bigger percentage increases in paychecks than school teachers did," the contract proposal continues.

The proposal also includes reference to working conditions and a lengthy grievance procedure culminating in what amounts to binding arbitration.

Board Denies Church Request For Variance

By BRIAN ARSENAULT

SOUTH PORTLAND — A request for a variance by Thornton Heights Methodist Church was denied by the Zoning Board of Appeals this week. The church had requested the variance to convert its former structure into a four-dwelling apartment building.

About 30 residents living in the vicinity of the unused church turned out at the hearing to voice their opposition. Their counsel, Stephen L. Perkins of 805 Main St., said that for a variance to be granted the church had to demonstrate a hardship in use of the land and that it had not done so.

"Financial difficulties alone do not constitute a hardship," he said.

PERKINS TOLD the board that taxpayers living in the area merited consideration and presented a petition signed by 51 of them asking the board to refuse the variance request.

He also said an apartment building located at Aspen and Braeburn Avenues would worsen an already bad traffic situation. He suggested that the property be used as a single-family residence.

Following Perkins' presentation several of the area residents voiced some of their objections.

jections to the proposed four-dwelling apartment.

AMONG THEIR complaints were that the parking area would be hazardous for children going to and from school and that snow would have to be plowed onto adjacent property. It also was mentioned that since the owner of the property would not live there no control over the type of people renting the apartments would be exercised.

One man appeared to sum up the feelings of those present when he said "We are ready to go to bed tonight to preserve the serenity of our neighborhood."

In his presentation of the church's request, attorney John J. Flaherty said that since the zoning board turned down a variance request for a six-dwelling apartment two years ago the church has "sincerely attempted to dispose of the property in question within the limitations of the zoning code."

NE SAID those efforts have met with no success and that conversion of the building to an apartment house is the only conceivable use of the structure.

Flaherty noted that the city would be able to collect taxes after the conversion from what is now non-taxable land and that apartments were in demand in South Portland.

The city alternative to the variance is that the structure remain idle and empty with only the lowest possible maintenance and in a general state of natural deterioration," he said.

The board will issue a written statement on its denial early next week.

Gourmet Turkey Eaten By Firemen

SPRINGVALE — The Springvale fire station's own "gourmet" firefighter Armand Cormier made sure fellow on-duty firefighters didn't miss their traditional turkey Thursday.

On the menu prepared by Cormier were, roasted 12-pound turkey, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes and other traditional vegetables, cranberry sauce, stuffed celery, hot rolls and salad and a platter of relish.



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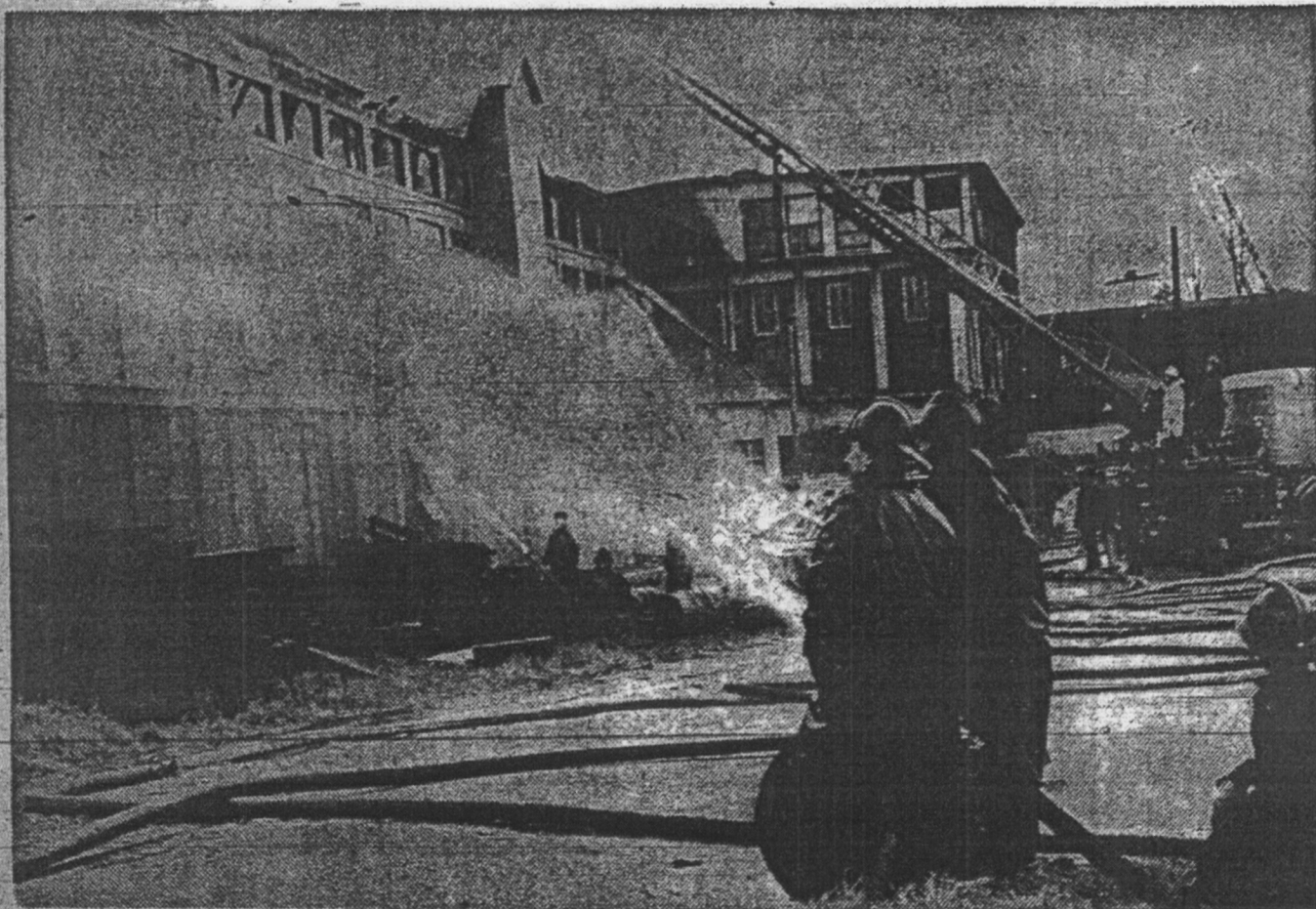
The poll commissioned by Rep. Harrison L. Richardson, R-Cumberland, found that "60 per cent of the respondents considered the income tax passed by the legislature as the best way to raise necessary money."

Lamb said the 14,000 names collected so far represents more than 40 per cent of the estimated 34,000 needed to place the income tax issue on the ballot.

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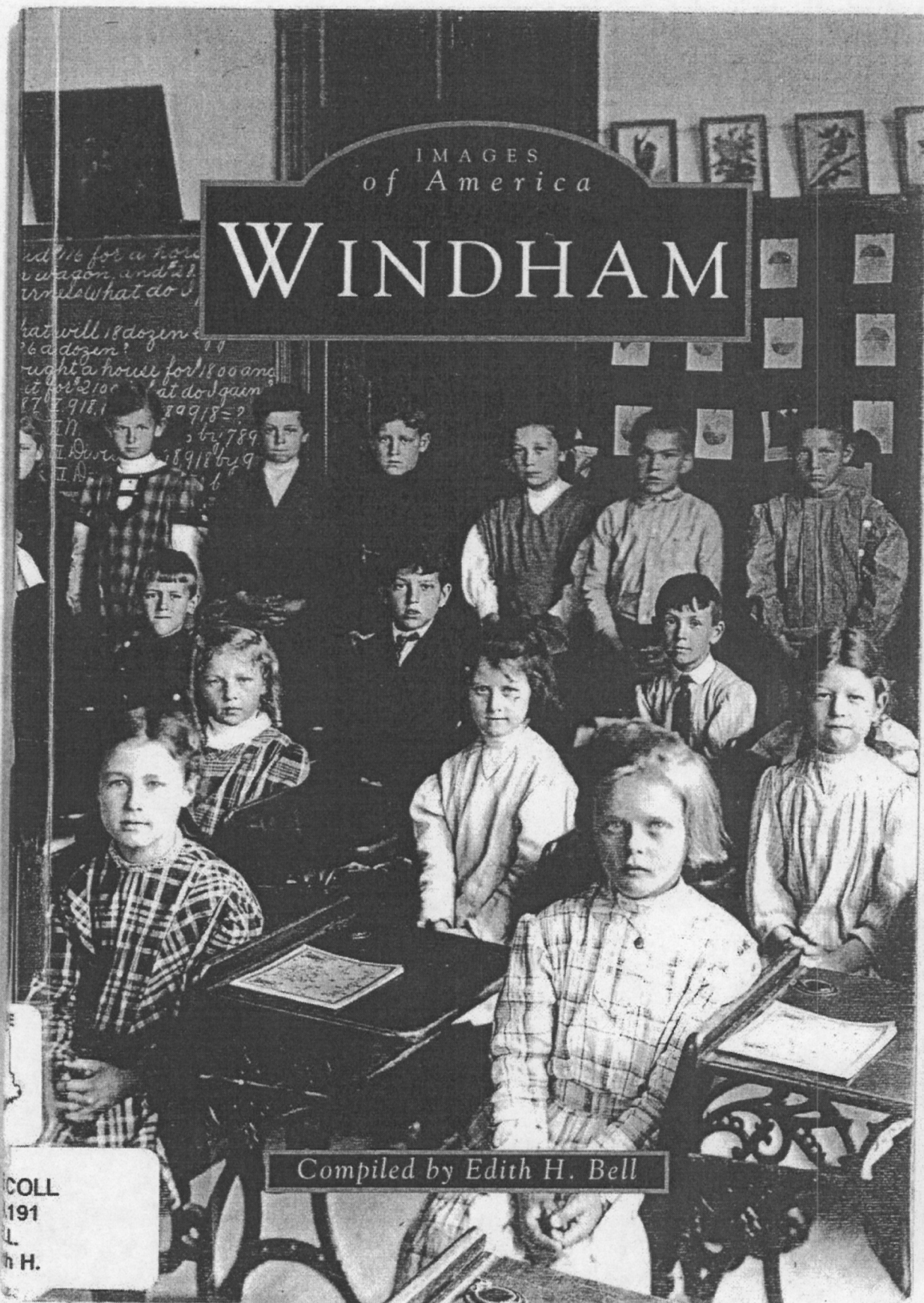


BATTLE WINDHAM BLAZE — Firemen from eight Cumberland County communities assist Windham's three volunteer companies in bringing under control an oil blaze at the Keddy Manufacturing Co., South Windham, Thursday afternoon. Caused by the ignition of oil spilled onto the foundry floor from a broken oil line, the blaze heavily damaged the side and roof of the 120-foot building and destroyed an attached office and several blast fur-

naces, according to Fire Chief Walter L. Peavey. A delay in notifying the fire department handicapped fire fighters, he said. It was brought under control within an hour, however, with an assist from the Cumberland County Fire Task Force comprising units from Cumberland, Falmouth, Portland, South Portland, Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough, Westbrook and Gorham. (By Staff Photographer Elwell)

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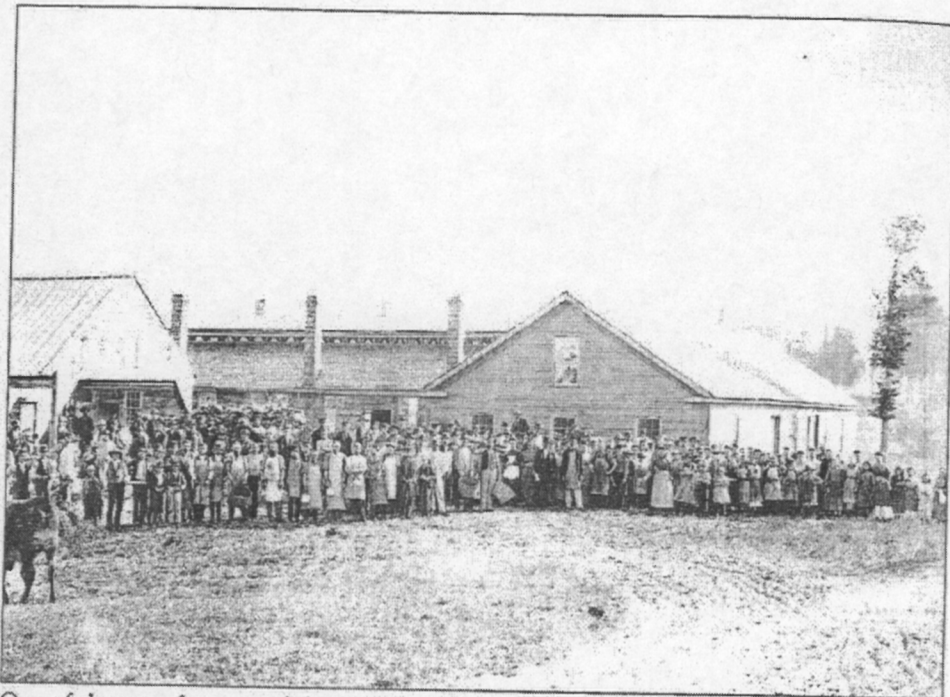
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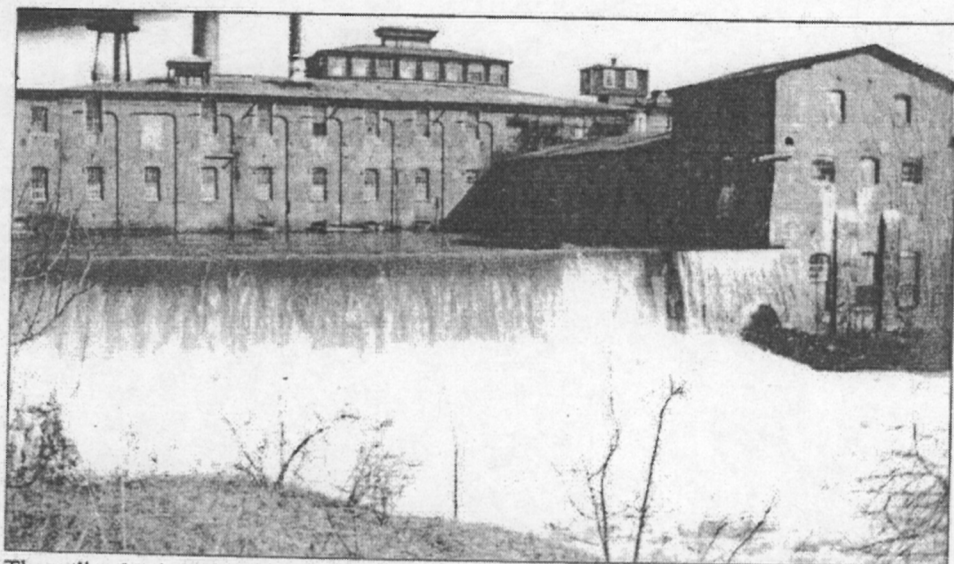
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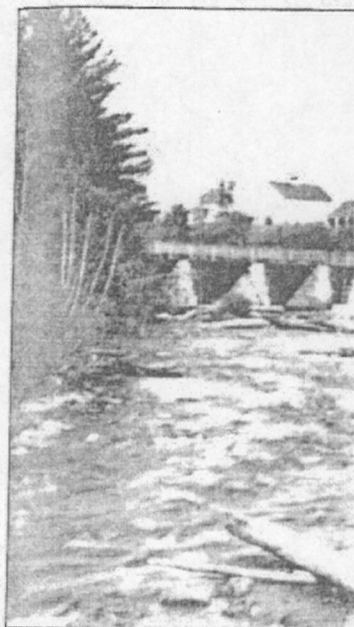
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One of the corn factories of the Portland Packing Company in 1873 was located at Grant's Corner in Windham. Here are the employees of that factory.



The mill at Little Falls in South Windham became the Androscoggin Pulp and Paper Mill. It is now Keddy's power station.



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